

DECLARATION/ POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION

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I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

NETWORK CONNECTION APPARATUS AND NETWORK CONNECTION SWITCHING METHOD

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto

OR

☒ was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) 02/16/2004 as United States Application or PCT International Application Number PCT/JP2004/001638

and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ (if applicable). I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached?	
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2003-036441	Japan	02/14/2003	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2004-034694	Japan	02/12/2004	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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